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The proposed settlement to allow microsoft to settle anti-trust proceedings by giving away its product to new market areas further INCREASES the microsoft monopoly!!! In my opinion it is a terrible settlement.

The proposed settlement effectively funnels microsoft product into a new market at the publics cost. They designed a tremendous marketing ploy to have the public foot the bill for further use of microsoft product because the public has no choice but to use more microsoft product under this settlement.

Following are some settlement terms which make more sense:

- 1) Microsoft must fully document and publish at no cost the API and all other interfaces to their products. This includes all file formats, XML structures, etc. They do not need to publish their software, only the means to interface other software and hardware to it.
- 2) Provision 1 must be ongoing perpetually for new products and revisions of existing products.
- 3) Damages to the market should be funded by cash or hardware provided for public use. The hardware should be standard, industry compatible product, which can run free software operating systems such as LINUX. Free office products are available from Sun's Star Office freeware.
- 4) Damages should be further compensated by providing costs for public training classes in general computer use, communications, and operation of free software products. These classes should be supplied by free software companies, NOT Microsoft.
- 5) Damages should pay for shipping, installation, and high speed internet connections for equipment.
- 6) All computer purchases should have microsoft product unbundled from the hardware. Purchasers must have the right to purchase computer hardware without software, or with other alternate software products installed at clearly stated prices.

The microsoft marketing and business strategy is very damaging to the computing industry due to coercive market practices and forced bundling of product.

Sincerely,

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